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Sent: 12/22/2016 2:27:03 PM
To: Merchant, Bruce [MerchantB@kalamazoocity.org]; Kneas, John [KneasJ@kalamazoocity.org]
Subject: RE: Touching base about potential for Allied Stakeholder meeting in January

Thanks for getting back to me.

In my view, EPA doesn't particularly desire that IP direct the work. There are pros and cons to that, I believe from all other parties' perspectives. Regardless of who is "directing" the RD work, what EPA believes is essential is that IP, the Trust and the City can all work together productively. That is likely to ensure the best possible outcome.

We look forward to talking again in the New Year.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and New Year,

Chuck

From: Merchant, Bruce [mailto:MerchantB@kalamazoocity.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 12:33 PM
To: Mikalian, Charles <mikalian.charles@epa.gov>; Kneas, John <KneasJ@kalamazoocity.org>
Subject: RE: Touching base about potential for Allied Stakeholder meeting in January

Good Afternoon, Chuck -

Thank you for the email. The City is certainly willing to resume discussion on the OU-1 RD as soon as possible. Jerome Kisscorni, Assistant City Manager, is back in Kalamazoo but not yet back at work. I do not have a timetable as to when he may return. In the interim, John Kneas, Clyde Robinson, Grant Gilizan, and I will continue discussions internally regarding feedback and follow-up related to the December 7, 2016 meeting with IP. I have indicated to IP that the City will be engaging with them in early January as soon as a go-ahead is received from the City Manager's Office.

As to subsequent meetings with USEPA-Region 5, the City is certainly open to continuing discussions on involvement with the OU-1 Remedial Design. It is my understanding that some work can proceed from a technical standpoint before key decisions on direction (and the ultimate remedy that is able to be implemented given geotechnical questions) have to be made. I also realize the USEPA's desire to have these activities proceed as directed by IP. Consequently, the City is willing to engage with IP (as well as the Trustee and USEPA) as soon as feasible. Clyde Robinson, City Attorney, is on vacation until sometime the first week in January 2017. I anticipate talking with him after he has returned to discuss moving forward both internally within the City as well as with USEPA and others.

I hope this helps you better understand the City's current situation and desire to move forward.

Merry Christmas!

Bruce

From: Mikalian, Charles [mikalian.charles@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 9:11 AM
To: Merchant, Bruce; Kneas, John
Subject: FW: Touching base about potential for Allied Stakeholder meeting in January

Sirs:

I assume the message below is with respect to community outreach. Separately, I am hoping that the OU1 Remedial Design discussions can continue in a timely manner.

I understand that Michael reached out to Bruce last week to discuss the current status of City involvement in the RD in light of Jerome's good Ahealth issues. I haven't heard from Michael, who is now on vacation. Can you provide me with an update on the City's ability to continue in the RD discussions?

Thanks, Chuck.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

From: Jamie McCarthy [mailto:krwc@kalamazooriver.org]

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 8:02 AM

To: Merchant, Bruce <merchantb@kalamazoo-city.org>; Russell, Diane <russell.diane@epa.gov>; Sarah Hill <sarah.hill@wmich.edu>; Denise Keele <denise.keele@wmich.edu>; Berkoff, Michael <berkoff.michael@epa.gov>; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) <bucholtzp@michigan.gov>; Mikalian, Charles <mikalian.charles@epa.gov>; Gary Wager <glwager@gmail.com>

Cc: Saric, James <saric.james@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Touching base about potential for Allied Stakeholder meeting in January

I think late February is fine if there is no new information or activity on the site that is of a time critical nature.

That said my schedule is flexible and I'll defer to others in the group.

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From: Merchant, Bruce <MerchantB@kalamazoo-city.org>

Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 3:38:43 PM

To: Russell, Diane; Jamie McCarthy; Sarah Hill; Denise Keele; Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Mikalian, Charles; Gary Wager

Cc: Saric, James

Subject: RE: Touching base about potential for Allied Stakeholder meeting in January

Hi Diane -

Thanks for the email. I would suggest something toward mid- to late-January. I will be gone from January 30 through February 18 so it would be great if we could have something set up prior to that time frame. Otherwise, late-February could also work for me.

Please keep me posted. Thanks!

Bruce

From: Russell, Diane [russell.diane@epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 11:38 AM

To: Jamie McCarthy; Sarah Hill; Denise Keele; Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Merchant, Bruce; Mikalian, Charles; Gary Wager

Cc: Saric, James

Subject: Touching base about potential for Allied Stakeholder meeting in January

Hello all –

Reaching out since January is right around the corner...we talked about getting together as a stakeholder group to discuss the status of Allied Landfill sometime in January.

I'm also in the process of planning a public meeting on the Feasibility Study for Area 2 of OU5. We are looking at late January for that meeting – wondered everyone's thoughts on trying to come together around that meeting or just push this out to February or later winter/early spring.

Jamie, Gary, Sarah and Denise – particularly interested to understand your feel for how soon your folks were looking to circle back around on this.

Let me know – If we are going to lock this in for January I probably need to know before the Christmas break.

Thank you!!

Diane Russell

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